KNOWING JESUS IN RELATION TO FAMILY MATTERS

Ephesians 6:4

• "Fathers, b do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

QUANTITY AND QUALITY TIME.

- 1. MAKE GOD THE CENTER OF FAMILY LIFE. Joshua 24:15
- 2. SPENT QUALITY AND QUANTITY
 TIME TOGETHER. Ecclesiastes 3:1
- 3. LOVE AND SERVE ONE
 ANOTHER. Romans 12:10-13
- 4. LEARNING THE WORD OF GOD TOGETHER. Deuteronomy 6:6-7



- ■1 Corinthians 15:33
- "Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

YOUR ASSOCIATIONS MATTER

- "Do not be misled".- This is a strong warning. Paul is saying 'Don't fool yourself into thinking you're immune to influence'.
- "Bad company" Refers to people with corrupt beliefs, immoral behavior or ungodly values.
- "Corrupts good character" Even someone with good morals and sincere faith can be pulled away from truth and righteousness if they spend to much time with those who are spiritually or morally toxic.

PRACTICAL APLICATION

- 1. RELATIONSHIPS SHAPE BEHAVIOR.
- The people you surround yourself with have a **powerful impact** on your **thoughts**, **habits**, and **choices**.

PRACTICAL APLICATION

- 2. EXPOSURE INFLUECES VALUES.
- Spending time with people who mock truth, compromise morally, or encourage sin can gradually weaken your conviction.

PRACTICAL APLICATION

- 3. GUARD YOUR HEART AND MIND.
- This verse encourages
 discernment in friendships,
 conversations, and communities.

HOW CAN WE
GUARD OUR
HEART AND
MIND?

- THE ANSWER IS "INTIMACY"
- "THE CLOSER OUR RELATIONSHIP IS WITH SOMEONE THE GREATER IS OUR **INFLUENCE** WITH THEM."

- 1. WE NEED TO HAVE SPIRITUAL INTIMACY.
- ■Acts 1:4 -5" On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about."

- 1. WE NEED TO HAVE SPIRITUAL INTIMACY.
- "'⁵ For John baptized
 with^[a] water, but in a few <u>days you</u>
 will be baptized with^[b] the Holy
 Spirit."

- ■1 John 4:1
- Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but **test** the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many **false** prophets have gone out into the world.

■ 1John 4:2-3" This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world."

- Matthew 7:21
- ""Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

- Professing faith or using religious language is not enough.
- It's possible to appear religious, say the right things, but still miss the heart of God's desire.
- "Doing the will of my Father" means living in obedience to God's commands by faith and desires-not just public declarations of spiritual acts, but by sincere ongoing submission.

- PHILIPPIANS 2:1-2
- "Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. "

THREEFOLD CORD OF INTIMACY.

- 1. SPIRITUAL ONENESS SEEKING GOD TOGETHER.
- 2.EMOTIONAL CONNECTION BUILDING TRUST, EMPATHY, AND UNDERSTANDING.
- 3. PHYSICAL EXPRESSION ENJOYING GOD'S GIFT IN THE
 CONTEXT OF COVENANT LOVE.



• "IF YOU HANG AROUND WITH THE WRONG PEOPLE LONG ENOUGH, THEY'LL INFLUENCE YOU MORE THAN YOU'LL INFLUENCE THEM."



THIS DOESN'T MEAN CHRISTIANS
SHOULD AVOID NON-BELIEVERS,
BUT RATHER, THEY SHOULD BE
CAREFUL WHO THEY ALLOW TO
SHAPE THEIR THINGKING, HABITS,
AND SPIRITUAL LIFE.

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